Assistants and a Mate. At the Parliament House Annexe, the stall is managed by a Stall Manager, two Sale Assistants and a mate. The staff in all the stalls are transferred normally after every 2 to 3 years.

Increase in support prices of Agricultural Products

131. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise increase in the support prices of various agricultural produce separately during 1991-92 to 1995-96 alongwith the cost prices of the agricultural produces thereof;

(b) the details of the policy implemented by Government to make agriculture remunerative; and

(c) the achievement made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA): (a) The year-wise increase in the minimum support prices of various agricultural commodities during 1991-92 to 1995-96 and the cost of production of crops are given at Annexure [*See* Appendix 176, Annexure No. 36]

(b) The decision of the Government on price policy is implemented through procurement operations by the designated nodal agencies.

(c) Agriculture Price Policy has induced adoption of modern technology and has ultimately resulted in higher production and productivity in successive years.

Proposals received for Inclusion of other Backward castes in the List of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

132. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals for inclusion of Backward and Other Classes in the list of SCs/STs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. About 1134 proposals for inclusion of Backward and other classes in the lists of SC/ST have been received.

(c) No specific time schedule can be indicated as the issues envolved for decision are complex in nature.

Uniform Implementation of WAKF Act, 1995

133. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new Wakf Act has come into force;

(b) if so, how many States have implemented the new Act and whether the States have been asked to implement the Act within a specific period;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that in Karnataka, the Wakf Board is still functioning under the repealed Act; and

(d) what action Government propose to take for the uniform implementation of the Wakf Act, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Immediately on the enforcement of the Wakf Act, 1995 in the country (except State of J & K) with effect from 1st January, 1996, Welfare Minister wrote to Governors/Chief Ministers/Lt. Governors of concerned State Governments/UT Administrations specifying actions/steps required to be taken by them under various provisions of the Act and requesting them to expedite actions/steps.

Apart from an acknowledgement of this letter from a few States/UTs, no specific feedback has been received so far.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The matter is being monitored and will continue to be pursued with the State Governments/UT Administrations.

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134. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state: